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14. (Twice Amended) A support device for a cableway [of the kind] comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, wherein the support device is connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables attached to the cableway and being branched off downwardly therefrom in order to define the radius of curvature of the branched off cables, the support device comprising a support element constituted by a curved plate which is connectable with the cableway at an upper portion thereof, a fixing element introducable into a space defined between a lower surface of the upper portion of the support element and an upper surface of the bottom of the cableway, whereby said support element is adapted to cause a curve in the cable supported thereon.

17. (Amended) A support device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature of the branched off cables, wherein the support [element] device is at an upper portion thereof connectable with a transversely extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the cableway, said upper portion of said support [element] device being connectable to the transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, and a fixing element introducable into a space defined between a lower surface of the upper portion of the support device and an upper surface of the bottom of the cableway.

18. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the support [element] device is adapted to be releasably connected with the cableway.

19. (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the support [element] device is constituted by a curved plate.

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~~20~~ ~~22~~ (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim ~~21~~ ¹⁹, wherein the support [element] device is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace the support [element] device from the lower side of the cableway up through the bottom of the cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread elements of the bottom of the cableway are received in the slots.

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23. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 22] A support device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being releasably connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature of the branched off cables, wherein the support device is constituted by a curved plate and at an upper portion thereof is adapted to be connectable with a transversely extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the cableway, said upper portion of said support device adapted to be connectable to the transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, the support element is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace the support device from the lower side of the cableway up through the bottom of the cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread elements of the bottom of the cableway are received in the slots, and wherein the upper portion of the support [element] device constitutes a downwardly bent edge portion which is adapted to be hooked over a transversely extending thread element of the bottom of the cableway when connecting the support [element] device to the cableway.

24. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 22] A support device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being releasably connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables

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branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature
of the branched off cables, wherein the support device is constituted by a curved plate
and at an upper portion thereof is adapted to be connectable with a transversely
extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the
cableway, said upper portion of said support device adapted to be connectable to the
transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, the
support element is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace
the support device from the lower side of the cableway up through the bottom of the
cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread elements of the
bottom of the cableway are received in the slots, and wherein the upper portion of the
support [element] device is formed with a groove extending perpendicular to the slots
and adapted to receive a transversely extending thread element of the bottom of the
cableway.

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Claim 21, line 1, delete "26" and substitute therefor --19--.

22 28. (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim [26] 19, wherein the
fixing element is introducable into an undercut groove provided at the lower surface of
the upper portion of the support [element] device.

26 29. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 19, whereby] A support
device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and
two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread
elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread
elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device
being connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables branched
off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature of the
branched off cables, wherein the support device is at an upper portion thereof
connectable with a transversely extending thread element of the cableway at a desired
place of the bottom of the cableway, said upper portion of said support device being
connectable to the transversely extending thread element without modification of the
cableway, and wherein the support [element] device has support surfaces at both sides
of its upper portion.